REPORTS

OF

The Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

1897.

ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor and Assessors

—OF THE—

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH

Reports of the School Committee, Library Committee and Town Treasurer,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 10, 1897.

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Report of the Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Northfield :

We herewith submit to you for your consideration, our report for the year ending February 10th, 1897. We have, in some instances, exceeded appropriations, for there has been, as in all previous years, unforeseen emergencies which we were obliged to meet ; but we make no excuses, for we think, as a whole, our financial situation very favorable. In the building of Pine street, we not only succeeded in awarding the contract for less than the appropriation, but have a better road than was expected.

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS, } Selectmen of Northfield.
HENRY H. NASH,

TOWN WARRANT.

March 1, 1897, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the various town officers.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 4. To vote by separate ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept as a public way, a street to be known as "Dickenson Street," as laid out by the Selectmen, Jan. 16, 1897, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the town will accept as a public way, a street to be known as "Glenwood Avenue," as laid out by the Selectmen, Jan. 16, 1897, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the town will accept of the Jury List, as revised or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars, towards the building of a suitable, graded sidewalk, six feet wide, on the west side of Highland Ave., between the street known as Holton St., and the Winchester road, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the Cemeteries, and a Committee be chosen to expend the same, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing Union Hall, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of land, to enlarge the Cemetery at the Centre, or act thereon.

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

JURY LIST FOR 1897.

Jarius L. Hammond,
Edward B. Murdock,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Charles C. Stearns,
Edward S. Bardwell,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Ambert G. Moody,
John H. Bolton,
Arthur W. Proctor,
Fred Z. Allen,
Sanford W. Weatherhead,
Clarence A. Randall,
Henry W. Montague,
Merrill T. Moore,
Elliot Q. Lyman,
Julius M. Clapp,
James Wall,
John H. Eames,
Alonzo A. Newton,
Charles L. Gilbert,
George W. Piper,
Rufus K. Caldwell,
Ernest C. Field,
D. Everett Lyman,
Clinton A. Ware,
Edward D. Newcomb,
Arthur S. Atwood,
Frank E. Aldrich,
George A. Stearns,
Frank B. Holton,
Fred C. Britton,
Zachariah H. Wade.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	$815,939	
" " personal estate,	92,979	
Total valuation May 1, 1896,		$908,918
Number of polls,		506
" " persons assessed,		754
" " " " on property,		602
" " " " for poll tax only,		152
" " resident tax payers,		465
" " non-resident tax payers,		137
" " horses assessed,		522
" " cows "		726
" " sheep "		269
" " neat cattle "		268
" " swine, "		303
" " dwellings "		425
" " acres of land assessed,		19,742

ASSESSMENT FOR 1896.

State tax,	$682 50	
County tax,	1,426 32	
		$2,108 82

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Schools in general,	$2,800 00	
repairs on buildings,	300 00	
text books and supplies,	300 00	
conveyance,	200 00	
superintendent,	260 00	
		$3,860 00

Contingent and support of Poor,	$3,000 00	
Highways, general repair,	2,500 00	
Gravel for Main Street,	300 00	
Building road known as Pine Street,	600 00	
Cemeteries, in general,	175 00	
Cemetery at farms,	100 00	
Library,	200 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Overlay;	412 94	
		$11,697 94
Raised on polls,	$1,012 00	
" " personal estate,	1,317 74	
" " real estate,	11,577 02	
		$13,906 76

Taxes on each poll, $2.00.
Rate per $1,000, $14.20.

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,
} Assessors of Northfield.

Report of the Overseers of Poor.

WORCESTER ASYLUM.

Care of Mary Pearson, to August 13, 1896,		$104 93

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Care of Coleman C. Smith, to January 1, 1897,		169 92

JOHN QUINLAN.

Northampton Hospital, care,	$53 39	
Massachusetts State Farm, care,	100 40	
		$153 79

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FARM.

Care of Charles Parker, to January 1, 1897,		146 40

MRS. ELECTA STRATTON, WESTBORO.

Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, care,		50 00

MRS. GEORGE DOOLITTLE'S CHILDREN, BERNARDSTON.

Mrs. George Doolittle, care,		80 00

A. H. RICHARDS, WINCHENDON.

Town of Winchendon, aid rendered, 1895,	22 35	
G. Q. A. Bryant, goods furnished,	54 07	
B. Robinson & Son, goods furnished,	52 00	
		128 42

DWIGHT COOK, MONTAGUE.

Town of Montague, aid rendered to Jan. 1, 1897,		92 70

WATSON FAMILY, WATERTOWN.

Town of Watertown, aid rendered to Jan. 1, 1897, $ 81 78

MRS. MARY SMITH.

Ozro H. Doolittle, board and care,	35 00	
Ozro H. Doolittle, preparing for burial,	2 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	3 75	
H. E. Bond, casket,	15 50	
H. R. Crowell, telephone message,	30	
		57 05

JOHANNA DRISCOLL.

Ozro H. Doolittle, board and care,	132 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	5 50	
		138 00

MRS. MARY WATTON.

Mrs. Lucinda Hart, board and care,	38 86	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 25	
Atwood Bros., goods furnished,	2 00	
		42 11

CHARLES LORD.

F. V. Doolittle, board and care,	32 32	
Thos. F. Reed, board and care,	39 00	
Atwood Bros., goods furnished,	3 75	
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	1 70	
H. R. Crowell, goods furnished,	1 00	
		77 77

GARDNER COLLER.

C. C. Stearns, hay furnished,	2 40	
George C. Irish, meat, 1895,	3 00	
		$ 5 40

ASA KENISTON.

George C. Irish, meat furnished, 1895,	$ 2 12	

JONATHAN LYMAN,

Mrs. Thos. F. Reed, care,		14 50

GAD C. LYMAN.

C. H. Webster and Co., goods furnished,	80	
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	2 25	
	———	3 05

EMORY WHITE.

Atwood Bros., goods furnished,		3 00

TRAMP.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50	
C. C. Stearns, goods furnished,	50	
	———	3 00

JOHN H. WISE.

William Strange, care,	34 00	
N. P. Wood, medical attendance,	32 50	
H. E. Bond, casket,	12 00	
Rev. G. F. Piper, attendance,	5 00	
	———	83 50

LOT MAY.

Solomon Caswell, house rent,		6 00

WILLIAM DALE.

W. J. Wright, Treas., weekly aid,		60 00

MRS. CHAUNCEY KIMPLIN.

J. W. Putney, house rent, (1894 to 1896,)	60 00	
W. J. Wright, Treas, weekly aid,	57 00	
	———	$ 117 00

MRS. JAMES MATTOON.

W. J. Wright, Treas., weekly aid,		$72 00

MRS. ELLEN O'KEEFE.

W. J. Wright, treas., weekly aid,	55 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50	
		57 50

MRS. LYDIA PACKARD AND CHILD.

Town of Orange, aid rendered,	51 45	
Atwood Bros., goods furnished,	60	
		52 05
		$1,801 99

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By amount due from Thomas Quinlan, acct. John Quinlan,	$201 14	
Amount due from Town of New Salem, acct. Emory White,	3 00	
Amount due from State of Mass. acct. John H. Wise,	88 50	
		$292 64
Total expense of poor,		$1,509 35

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,
} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

C. H. Green, services as selectman, 1895,		$128 00
O. L. Leach, " " " 1895,		95 50
H. C. Holton, " " " '95,	$100 50	
sundry cash items,	11 95	
painting at town hall,	2 50	
		$114 95

L. R. Smith, services as school committee, 1895,			$45 75
N. M. Wood, " " " " 1895,			51 73
R. K. Caldwell, " " " " 1895,			43 25
R. C. Ward, services as inspector, '95,	65 75		
" " " '96,	30 25		
			96 00
F. E. Heald, " " " '95,	55 15		
" " " '96,	178 80		
			233 95
C. C. Stearns, services as auditor,	2 50		
" " teller,	2 50		
amount paid for wrappers,	12 00		
stove for lockup,	1 50		
sundry cash items,	31 94		
			50 44
N. D. Alexander, services as teller,			2 50
C. L. Robbins, " " "			2 50
F. A. Hilliard, " " sexton,			4 00
H. H. Mason, " " "	$1 00		
driving hearse,	27 00		
return of deaths 1895,	6 00		
" " " 1896,	5 75		
services as police officer,	5 00		
care of hall, 1895,	52 50		
" " " 1896,	29 00		
" " library, 1895,	4 00		
" " " 1896,	2 00		
" " clock, 4 mos. '95,	5 00		
" " " 1896,	15 00		
work in cellar, 1895,	14 11		
" at hall, 1895,	3 00		
expense collecting Wales bill,	1 00		
cash paid for keys,	80		
			$ 171 16

M. T. Moore, posting warrants,	$ 6 00	
abatement of taxes, 1895,	74 66	
discount and abatement of taxes, 1896,	385 96	
	———	$ 466 62
John R. Casey, services as constable,	2 50	
officers' fees,	10 96	
care of tramps,	30 20	
	———	43 66
E. C. Fowler, officers' fees,		16 10
W. M. Smead, " "		19 53
Fred C. Stearns' estate, care of clock, 8 mos.,		10 00
W. F. Flint, services as surveyor,		8 00
W. F. Nichols, " " "		2 25
T. R. Callender, " " registrar,		11 25
F. J. Stockbridge, " " "		11 25
C. A. Ware, " " "	$11 25	
" " teller,	2 50	
	———	13 75
E. J. Pratt, officers' fees,		12 07
W. J. Wright, services as clerk and treasurer,	$206 65	
sundry cash items,	15 67	
	———	222 32
H. H. Nash, sundry cash items,		2 50
Charles Pomeroy estate, abatement tax on Perry farm, 1895,	3 90	
Perry farm, 1896,	4 00	
	———	7 90
Dudley Johnson, abatement of tax on Perry farm 1896,		4 00
M. T. Moore, collector, abatement of taxes on Gorley property,		$ 34 30

W. J. Wright, clerk, return of births,		$ 5 75
E. A. Hall, advertising collector's sale,		22 00
George W. Southworth, Assessors' books,		3 65
Samuel Ward Co., order books,		5 00
Estes & Lauriat, town officers' books,		3 50
Henry M. Meek, marriage intention book,		2 50
R. W. Bemis & Co., tax collectors' books,		2 00
Gardner News Co., printing town reports,	38 00	
printing valuation,	68 60	
		106 60
American Express Co., express charges,		8 65
C. T. Bagnall, stationery and printing,		13 65
F. Q. Webster, keys for town hall,	1 35	
hardware for blinds for hall,	22 75	
rope and blocks for derrick,	15 56	
		39 66
George Tyler & Co., parts for scraper,	26 60	
A. W. Proctor, mdse. as per bill,	5 03	
K. E. Nims, repairs on hearse,	2 10	
J. W. Black, " " "	5 00	
C. H. Webster & Co., mdse. as per bill,	6 28	
William Gartsell, painting guide boards,	8 50	
Charles O'Keefe, plumber's bill,	1 50	
F. W. Doane, wood for Town Hall,	3 50	
coal " " "	19 25	
	22 75	
A. F. Tyler, blinds for Town Hall,	58 91	
Fred. H. Turner, hanging and oiling blinds,	50 00	
painting at Town Hall,	3 25	
		$ 53 25

Town of Gill, ½ expense running Morgan's Ferry,		$ 34 24
C. H. Webster, Justice Fees,	3 04	
Insurance on school houses,	129 00	
		132 04
S. W. Weatherhead, error in assessment, 1895,		3 81
		$2,498 20

MILITARY AND STATE AID.

Charles X. Janes, military aid,	$ 72 00
Daniel Burnham, state aid,	24 00
Thomas H. Hart, " "	48 00
Roswell Stratton, " "	48 00
William Strange, " "	48 00
Gardner Coller, " "	40 00
	$280 00

CEMETERIES.

Amos Bigelow, labor,	$22 00
Albert Clark, "	1 50
Harvey Lamson, "	4 00
S. K. Sawyer, "	6 00
Arthur Mason, "	3 56
Henry H. Mason, "	16 61
Henry C. Holton, "	2 00
B. R. Morrison, "	2 00
Frank Harness, "	3 00
	$60 67

CEMETERY AT FARMS.

W. F. Flint, services as surveyor,		$ 15 00	
F. B. Holton, stone posts,		10 00	
S. E. Minot, " "		2 10	
H. D. Field, drawing posts,		5 00	
Turner's Falls Co., lumber,		20 27	
Weatherhead & Darling, labor on pickets,		14 00	
F. Q. Webster, iron for fence,		3 79	
H. H. Nash, lumber for pickets,	$7 00		
nails,	45		
labor,	21 90		
		29 35	
Wallace Morgan, labor,		5 55	
Oren Darling, "		4 80	
S. W. Weatherhead, "		4 35	
F. W. Hilliard, "		3 00	
Arad Shatton, "		3 75	
Green & Leach, lumber,		23 53	
A. W. Proctor, paint,		26 51	
Fred H. Turner, painting,		20 30	
			$191 30

HOUSE FOR LOT MAY.

Oscar Wood, building,			$ 50 00
H. H. Nash, am't paid for land, deeds, etc.,		15 00	
am't paid for planing,		1 68	
lath, nails and labor,		21 65	
			38 33
E. C. Nash, shingles,		5 06	
labor,		1 50	
			$ 6 56

F. Q. Webster, mdse. per bill,	$ 5 70
Green & Leach, lumber,	18 69
C. A. Moulton, lumber and nails,	20 98
E. C. Field, window frames and lime,	3 25
M. H. Alkins, sheet lead,	69
H. C. Alexander, laying brick,	11 37
A. N. Lawson, labor,	7 00
John Carroll, "	9 25
Ernest Gaines, "	5 25
Charles Whitaker, "	10 50
L. C. Miller, "	8 15
Ed. Stratton, "	3 75
Frank Montague, "	2 78
	$202 25

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

C. R. Pomeroy,	labor,	$ 2 78	
Wright Arlin,	"	1 50	
Byron Gillette,	"	6 00	
Will Grace,	"	6 30	
O. S. Davis,	"	7 00	
Charles Gillette,	"	5 25	
George Slate,	"	12 00	
Charles Slate,	"	13 50	
Charles Mack,	"	15 30	
John Grace,	"	21 45	
H. C. Holton,	"	30 60	
John R. Casey,	"	42 00	
			163 68
	MATERIAL.		
H. R. Crowell, seed,		$2 55	
A. W. Proctor, seed, etc.,		8 49	
			11 04
			$174 72

CR.

By amount received from J. M. Clapp, Pres't,	$150 00
	$24 72

There is one bill for labor that has not been paid, and therefore is not included in the above.

Highways.

Henry H. Mason, labor,		$ 50
C. J. LeCompte,	labor, 1895,	3 00
Frank B. Holton, 2d,	"	2 10
N. G. Hilliard,	" 1894,	90
John P. Holton,	"	5 77
Eugene L. Abel,	"	2 25
Hiram Johnson,	"	1 50
Frank Whithead,	"	1 20
Gardner Coller,	"	5 30
Leon W. Pratt,	"	1 50
Byron Gillette,	"	17 55
W. Wheelock,	"	2 20
Isaac Murdock,	"	3 90
George Murdock,	"	3 80
C. Wheeler,	"	1 50
H. Shepardson,	"	1 35
C. Stimpson,	"	3 00
Frank Harness,	"	3 00
Ansel Coller,	"	6 94
H. W. Cummings,	"	12 46
W. E. Piper,	"	5 78
F. W. Piper,	"	3 15
J. E. Ross,	"	8 52
J. A. Ross,	"	5 86
George W. Piper,	"	$39 18

J. A. Holland,	"	$43 23
F. G. Phelps,	"	21 34
F. B. Streeter,	"	1 75
John Carroll,	"	10 87
Ozro D. Adams,	"	11 70
Ernest Gaines,	"	5 08
H. W. Montague,	"	2 95
W. W. Ross,	"	5 93
F. G. Morgan,	"	4 50
M. S. Stearns,	"	1 05
F. A. Hilliard,	"	3 85
J. L. Hammond and man,	"	152 03
Daniel Driscoll,	"	3 75
Charles Slate,	"	7 50
Oscar E. Slate,	"	4 50
A. J. Arlin,	"	3 75
George Slate,	"	75
Fostene Bigelow,	"	3 75
J. H. Robbins,	"	5 25
Charles Mack,	"	21 97
Jason Bump,	"	11 70
John Dale,	"	14 50
O. S. Davis,	"	8 05
Charles Slate,	"	3 00
Wright Arlin,	"	15 37
John H. Dalton,	"	11 13
Lewis Fowler,	"	3 75
William H. Dale,	"	6 00
John R. Casey,	"	290 53
George A. Stearns,	"	19 25
H. D. Field,	"	293 00
E. C. Rugg,	"	5 00
Jas. P. Campbell,	"	13 95
C. P. Britton,	"	$135 23

C. R. Pomeroy,	"	$ 29 60	
John Grace,	"	21 00	
A. A. Long,	" (1893)	2 50	
Seminary,	"	94 65	
Daniel O'Keefe,	"	1 50	
George Cummings,	"	1 35	
Albert Clark,	"	1 50	
Amos Bigelow,	"	3 60	
L. O. Clapp,	"	88	
Frank King,	"	60	
Neal Anderson,	"	1 05	
Will Leonard,	"	4 87	
Frank B. Holton,	"	8 75	
P. W. Preston,	"	11 37	
D. L. Preston,	"	11 37	
William Strange,	"	3 75	
William Bain,	"	10 20	
Charles Strange,	"	4 87	
Sherman,	"	3 00	
E. W. Smith,	"	2 62	
C. Q. Holton,	"	76 17	
H. C. Holton and man,	"	71 80	
Charles Parker,	"	4 00	
			$1,659 17

MATERIAL.

J. S. DeFord, labor and material,	$1 10
E. L. Hammond, " " "	1 00
J. W. Black, " " "	6 00
K. E. Nims, " " "	2 15
C. H. Webster & Co., nails,	21
A. W. Proctor, nails and powder,	1 60
Atwood Bros., rake,	31
Green & Severance, cement,	$ 2 25

H. C. Holton, guide posts,	$ 1 00	
C. P. Britton, powder and nails,	1 35	
George W. Piper, powder,	65	
F. Q. Webster, shovels and picks,	3 58	
A. T. Pierson, drain tile,	10 40	
George Goodrich, " "	27 51	
Sumner Stratton, railings,	2 50	
W. W. Ross, railings and posts,	1 40	
George Murdock, railings,	9 00	
George A. Stearns, railings and stringers,	2 75	
Frank Field, stringers,	1 00	
George F. Alexander, stringers,	2 00	
C. C. Stearns, "	1 40	
J. L. Hammond, posts and plank,	1 00	
C. P. Britton, plank,	34 72	
Green & Leach, "	30 90	
Ansel Coller, "	12 75	
George Stearns, "	3 00	
Baxter Burrows, "	9 38	
J. A. Holland, "	1 62	
William Bain, "	92	
		$173 45
		$1,832 62

WATER RENTS.

M. E. Dickenson, 1895-6,	10 00	
J. A. Ross, 1895-6,	6 00	
Northfield Aqueduct Co., 1896,	10 00	
E. W. Smith, 1896,	5 00	
W. N. Smith, 1896,	5 00	
E. C. Field, 1896,	5 00	
Julia A. Webster, 1896,	3 00	
		$44 00

CULVERT AT WARD'S GULCH.

W. W. Ross, labor,		$ 3 00	
E. E. Howes,	"	3 00	
F. W. Hilliard,	"	4 50	
Ernest Gaines,	"	10 50	
Frank Lamson,	"	10 50	
C. M. Sprague,	"	12 07	
E. C. Rugg,	"	17 50	
L. C. Miller,	"	19 80	
H. D. Field,	"	22 50	
J. L. Hammond and man, labor,		35 79	
		———	139 16

MATERIAL.

J. F. Allen, stone,		7 00	
L. C. Miller, stone and dirt,		15 20	
		———	22 20
			161 36

GRAVEL MAIN STREET.

James P. Campbell, labor,			$8 25
James Campbell,	"		6 00
Thos. L. Campbell,	"		4 50
Lewis Fowler,	"		2 25
C. R. Pomeroy,	"		9 30
Albert Clark,	"		8 10
George Cummings,	"		2 70
Amos. Bigelow,	"	team,	1 92
George Stearns,	"	"	1 22
J. W. Cowles,	"	"	10 63
W. H. Doolittle,	"	"	19 05
James Wall,	"	"	23 47
H. C. Holton,	"	"	$ 27 50

F. E. Aldrich,	"	"	$ 28 94	
O. S. Davis,	"	"	24 42	
F. W. Doane,	"	"	35 30	
Neal Anderson,	"	"	36 05	
G. R. Clough,	"	"	52 66	
R. E. Long,	"	"	54 80	
John Dalton,	"	"	39 16	
C. P. Britton,	"	"	64 16	
H. D. Field,	"	"	66 22	
J. R. Casey and man,	"	"	79 82	
			———	$606 42

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By amount received from D. L. Moody,	$100 00
	———
	$506 42

Selectmen's Financial Report.

DR.

Outstanding orders at last settlement,	$5 44	
Orders issued on Town Treas., since Feb 10, 1896,	21,927 92	
		$21,933 36

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Paid for Poor,	$1,801 99	
Contingent,	2,498 20	
Schools,	3,964 64	
Highways,	1,832 62	
Cemeteries,	60 67	
Cemetery at Farms,	191 30	
Gravel on Main street,	606 42	
Culvert at Ward's gulch,	161 36	
Water rents,	44 00	
House for Lot May,	202 25	
Village Improvement Society,	174 72	
Military and State aid,	280 00	
Building Pine street,	525 00	
Building boat for Munn's ferry,	280 00	
Library appropriation,	200 00	
Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00	
State tax,	682 50	
County tax,	1,426 32	
Interest on town debt,	116 48	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Temporary loans,	6,200 00	
Outstanding orders 1893, not paid,	5 44	
		$21,933 36

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT.

	DR.	CR.
By balance from previous year's acct.,		$1,466 94
" cash from H. H. Mason, acc't Town Hall,		85 00
" " " A. Pierson, account Mary Pierson,		85 53
" " " Franklin Co. Nat'l Bank, acc't loans,		7,566 06
" " " M. T. Moore, collector, acc't 1895 tax,		2,377 00
" " " County Treas'r, account boundston's,		36 00
" " " A. W. Adams, auctioneer's license,		2 00
" " " State Treasurer, account inspection of cattle,		89 08
" " " Town of Gill, acc't Ferry Boat,		140 00
" " " F. E. Stimpson, account billiard table license,		$ 2 00

By Cash from C. C. Stearns, account butcher's licenses, (Irish, Young, Murdock,)	$ 3	00
" " " N. M. Wood, acc't tuition,	52	50
" " " L. R. Smith, acc't Supt. schools,	173	00
" " " H. H. Nash, acc't of hall, at Farms,	7	00
" " " C. C. Young, auctioneer's license,	2	00
" " " N. M. Wood, account tuition,	3	15
" " " Village Improvement Society, account Main St.,	150	00
" " " State Treas'r, acc't Corporation tax,	1,407	64
" " " State Treas'r, acc't Nat'l Bank Tax,	255	11
" " " State Treas'r, acc't Military Aid,	36	00
" " " State Treas'r, acc't State Aid,	164	00
" " " Mrs. D. L. Moody, acc't Main St.,	100	00
" " " County Treas'r, acc't dogs,	203	26
" " " Wm. S. Allen, acc't fines,	24	81
" " " State Treas'r, acc't Mass. school fund,	$362	57

To Paid Selectmen's Orders,	$21,927 92	
By cash from H. H. Chamberlain, rent of derrick,		27 02
" " " John Eames, auctioneer's license,		2 00
" " interest surplus revenue,		109 37
" " " M. T. Moore, collector, acc't 1896 tax,		10,550 00
" " " M. T. Moore, collector, acc't 1894 tax,		76 60
" " " H. H. Mason, rent of Town Hall,		54 00
" " " L. R. Smith, acc't tuition and supplies,		3 43
To balance,	3,688 15	
	$25,616 07	$25,616 07

W. J. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1897.

Financial Condition of the Town, February 10, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	$2,100 00	
Franklin County National Bank, Temporary Loan,	1,500 00	
Henry C. Holton, Selectman,	112 50	
Henry C. Holton, Commissioner,	59 37	
Charles C. Stearns, Selectman,	138 75	
Henry H. Nash, Selectman,	71 00	
L. R. Smith, School Committee,	12 00	
N. M. Wood, " "	18 50	
E. S. Bardwell," "	8 15	
Outstanding Orders, 1893,	5 44	
	————	$4,025 71

ASSETS.

Due from M. T. Moore, Collector acct. 1894 tax,	52 49	
Due from M. T. Moore, Collector acct. 1895 tax,	405 20	
Due from M. T. Moore, " " 1896 tax,	3,361 47	
" " Thomas Quinlan acct. John Quinlan,	201 14	

Due from Town of New Salem acct. Emory White,	$ 3 00	
" " State of Mass. acct. John H. Wise,	88 50	
Cash in Town Treasury,	3,688 15	
		$7,799 95
Balance in favor of the town,		$3,774 24

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

REPORT OF THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Feb. 14, 1896,	$1,062 06	
Interest to January 1, 1897,	64 98	
		$1,127 04
Drawn from bank January 5, 1897, and paid out as follows :		
Mary and Fanny Field,	$10 00	
Mrs. Hannah Stevens,	10 00	
Hattie and Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
Mrs. Amelia Marsh,	5 00	
Charles Briggs,	5 00	
Gad Lyman,	5 00	
		$40 00
Balance in bank,		$1,087 04

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,
} Overseers of the Poor.

Report of School Committee

In presenting the annual report of the schools of Northfield, we respectfully refer the citizens to the report of the Superintendent, which gives the condition of the schools at the present time.

The Committee are well satisfied with the work done by him, and heartily endorse all measures he has taken to promote the well-being of the schools.

The Committee are convinced that in order to keep in the line of progress with the other towns of the State, the schools of Northfield must continue in the hands of a supervisor. Statistics show that supervision extends to-day over 94 per cent. of the population of the State. Governor Wolcott in his inaugural address says : "A policy so overwhelmingly endorsed by public sentiment, may well be made universal and permanent."

Committee meetings have been held at regular intervals during the year, at which times reports have been given by the Superintendent, and all subjects pertaining to the schools fully discussed and acted upon.

The school buildings are in good condition. Besides the incidental repairs, school-house No. 1 has been renovated, the walls and ceilings kalsomined, the wood work rubbed and oiled, and the iron frames japanned.

School-house No. 2 has been painted and the shed repaired, while the interior of school-house No. 4 has been papered and painted, and the desks treated in the same

manner as in No. 1. Next year some of the buildings will need painting and other repairs are contemplated by the Committee, which will call for the usual appropriation.

It has been the policy of your Committee in years past, to only assist in transportation those pupils who could not otherwise reach school. The demands for transportation are increasing, and unless the voters choose to increase the appropriations, the old policy must be strictly adhered to.

Schools No. 5 and No. 9 have been open only a portion of the year, because of the small number of pupils in attendance, and the great expense to the town in running small schools. A glance at the tables prepared by your Superintendent will show you that while the expense in No. 5 has been 96 cents per week for each pupil, in No. 1 it has been 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per week, and in No. 2, 34 cents per week.

CALENDAR FOR 1897-98.

Spring term, 12 weeks, begins March 29th, closes June 18th.
Fall term, 12 weeks, begins Aug. 30th, closes Nov. 19th.
Winter term, 12 weeks, begins Nov. 29th, closes Feb. 25th, with a recess from Dec. 24th to January 3d.

We recommend for the coming year :

For schools,	$2,800 00
For books and supplies,	300 00
For conveyance of pupils,	300 00
For the salary of Superintendent,	260 00

L. R. SMITH,
NELLIE M. WOOD,
E. S. BARDWELL,
Committee.

Financial School Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1897.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	$2,800 00
Repairs,	300 00
Text-books and supplies,	300 00
Conveyance,	200 00
Superintendent,	260 00
Massachusetts school fund,	362 57
Income surplus revenue,	109 37
Dog fund,	203 26
State aid for supervision,	173 00
Received for tuition,	57 15
Sale of supplies,	33
Jennie Pierce (over paid)	1 60
	$4,767 28

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Miss Lucy Sanderson,	$290 00
C. Blanche Whiltum,	139 20
I. H. Miner,	44 00
Miss Lucy Perry,	172 50
Miss Anna Thompson,	248 00
Miss Jennie Pierce,	96 00
Miss Alice Piper,	66 00
Miss Lottie Evans,	170 50

Miss Nettie Evans,	$ 82 50
Miss Aida Nolan,	66 00
Miss Edna White,	172 00
Miss Anna Palmer,	70 00
Miss Grace Lindsey,	216 00
Miss Jessie Stone,	84 00
Miss Lucy L. Brown,	84 00
Miss Carrie Russell,	84 00
	$2,084 70

SUPPLIES.

C. H. Webster,	$ 4 26
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	35 15
Prang Educational Co.,	16 77
Geo. S. Perry,	37 46
J. L. Hammett Co.,	11 40
King, Richardson Co.,	78 38
American Book Co.,	10 08
The Werner Book Co.,	2 88
Educational Publishing Co.,	8 82
J. E. Warren, supplies,	5 00
Ginn & Co.,	39 46
American Crayon Co.,	1 50
Ginn & Co.,	2 00
Joseph C. Godfrey,	3 12
D. C. Heath & Co.,	20 93
Express and freight,	8 66
J. E. Warren, cash items,	3 32
	$289 19

FUEL.

W. W. Merriman, wood No. 5,	$ 9 00

B. C. Ware, cutting wood No. 3,	$ 3 37
W. W. Merriman, " " 4,	13 00
" " " " " 3,	13 50
Wm. C. Fellows, " " 2,	11 82
F. W. Doane, " " 2,	3 50
" " " " 1,	3 50
" " coal " 1,	12 50
" " wood " 3,	2 50
Browning & Hastings, cutting wood, No. 4,	4 15
A. W. Ross, cutting wood, No. 6,	3 12
Willie Alexander, cutting wood, No. 2,	50
Clarence Moody, cutting wood, No. 2,	3 00
F. W. Doane, wood,	2 50
Geo. Stearns, wood No. 1,	3 25
C. I. Holton, wood " 7,	17 75
F. W. Doane, coal " 1,	67 50
F. B. Holton, wood " 7,	22 75
Ned E. Whitney, cutting wood,	1 50
J. A. Ross, wood No. 6,	7 50
	$206 21

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

C. R. Pomeroy, cleaning No. 1,	$5 25
B. C. Ware, " " 3,	3 50
Mrs. F. B. Holton, " " 7,	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Piper, " " 6,	2 00
Leon Hastings, care " 4,	4 40
Charles Pomeroy, " " 1,	35 00
Willie Alexander, " " 2,	4 20
Aida Nolan, " " 5,	3 30
Mrs. Martha Richardson, cleaning No. 4,	3 50
Willie Alexander, " " 2,	2 00
Jessie Stone, care " 5,	2 75
Charles Pomeroy, " " 1,	31 00
Lucy L. Brown, " " 6,	2 75
Carrie Russell, " " 3,	3 50

Charles Pomeroy, care	" 1,	9 00
Leon Hastings, "	" 4,	5 50
Willie Alexander, "	" 2,	4 90
Alice Piper, "	" 6,	2 75
Lucy Perry, "	" 3,	1 75
Lucy L. Brown, "	" 6,	75
Jessie Stone, "	" 5,	75
		$133 55

REPAIRS.

C. A. Reed, No. 1,	$ 3 00
O. H. Doolittle, No. 7,	20 07
Geo. Holton, No. 2,	26 37
Wm. Moore, No. 1 & 3,	10 40
L. H. Layelle, painting No. 2,	15 00
Fred Turner, repairs No. 1,	37 50
L. H. Layelle, repairs No. 4,	20 00
A. W. Proctor, paint,	22 15
Newcomb Bros., brooms, No. 1 & 2,	3 00
Frank Piper, No. 6,	1 50
A. W. Proctor, No. 1,	76
L. H. Layelle, " 4,	2 25
H. R. Crowell, " 2,	6 32
Fred Turner, " 1,	2 50
C. R. Pomeroy, " 1,	4 63
Henry Russell, " 3,	85
Frank Stevens, " 1,	4 50
	$180 80

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Pike, carrying scholars in District 6,	$63 00
Mrs. Hatstat, carrying scholars in District 9,	15 00
Geo. Abbott, carrying scholars in District 9,	15 00
Wm. C. Fellows, carrying scholars in District 5,	22 00
Chas. Parker, ferrages,	2 77
	$117 77

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Alice Belden,	$18 00	
Elizabeth Wasseem,	16 00	
Katherine Callaghan,	63 80	
Lucy Sanderson,	81 00	
Rosella Barton,	60 00	
Minnie Kernan,	8 10	
Jennie Pierce,	47 00	
Lucy Perry,	75 00	
C. Blanche Whiltum,	84 00	
Miss Burke,	36 00	
Nettie Evans,	75 00	
Lottie Evans,	75 00	
I. H. Miner,	15 00	
		$653 90
S. S. Fisher, wood, No. 5,	4 00	
F. W. Doane, coal, " 1,	12 70	
" " " wood, " 2,	3 50	
C. R. Nelson, " " 7,	2 13	
		$22 33
S. L. Pike, carrying scholars,	9 00	
" " " " "	9 00	
Wm. C. Fellows, carrying scholars,	18 00	
Sanford Weatherhead,	12 00	
F. E. Stimpson, Miner's bill,	10 00	
		58 00
Willie Alexander, care No. 2,	4 00	
Lester Darling, " " 4,	5 25	
C. Pomeroy, labor and care, No. 1,	32 50	
Fred. W. Ross, care, No. 6,	4 55	
J. H. Ewers, " " 3,	7 00	
James Greenwood, No. 7,	7 50	
Fred. Stearns, repairs No. 3,	2 60	
		63 40
J. E. Warren, Superintendent,		21 63
		$819 26

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	$4,767 28	
Old bills paid,	819 26	
Paid teachers,	2,084 70	
Miss Edna White,	7 00	
Fuel,	206 21	
Repairs on buildings,	180 80	
Care of buildings,	133 55	
Text-books and supplies,	289 19	
Superintendent,	237 93	
N. P. Wood, medical inspector,	6 00	
	$3,964 64	
Expended on previous year's account,	819 26	
Expenses current year,	$3,145 38	
Due " " (estimated)	1,087 13	
		$4,232 51
Balance unexpended appropriation,		$534 77

L. R. SMITH,
NELLIE M. WOOD,
E. S. BARDWELL,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee :

The second annual report of the Superintendent of schools is hereby respectfully submitted :

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of town, census 1895,	$1,857
Number of children between five and fifteen years, school census 1896,	222
Number of pupils enrolled during the year,	281
" " " " between eight and fourteen,	192
" " " " over fifteen years of age,	25
" " " " under five years of age,	0
Average membership,	200
Average attendance,	181
Per cent. of attendance,	90.5
Visits by Superintendent,	157
Visits by parents,	84

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

School.	TEACHER.	Weeks Taught.	Pupils Enrolled,	Average Membrship.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Times Visited by Superintendent.	Times Visited by Parents.	Cost of Teaching, Care, Fuel, and Transportation.	Cost per Pupil.
High	C. Blanche Whittum	12	23	25.79	23.5	91	18	3	$1,360.05	$15.25
	Grace E. Lindsey	24								
	Lucy W. Sanderson	12	37	33.6	31.5	94	21	15		
Gram.	Edna L. White	24								
	Jennie Pierce	12	44	30.	27.3	91	18	4		
Prim.	Lucy W. Sanderson	24								
2	Anna L. Thompson	36	52	31.	27.	87	17	21	377.92	12.19
	Lucy S. Perry	12								
3	Carrie R. Russell	14	27	14.97	13.82	93	17	2	264.37	17.66
	Jessie A. Stone	10								
4	Lottie E. Evans	35	34	26.17	23.13	88	16	15	326.40	12.47
	Ada Nolan	11	12	8.	6.5	81	10		192.00	24.00
5	Jessie A. Stone	14								
	M. Alice Piper	11	14	9.4	8.9	95	19	13	312.62	33.23
6	Lucy Ladd Brown	24								
	Nettie E. Evans	11	33	21.3	20.04	94	16	11	292.25	13.72
7	Lucy S. Perry	24								
9	Carrie R. Russell	10	5							

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy. The figure at the right of the name indicates the number of terms.

No. 1.		No. 2.	
Fanny Green,	1	Everett E. Holton,	1
Paul Brigham,	1	Fred. A. Newton,	2
George Mason,	2	Waldo H. Stebbins,	1
Winnie Simonds,	1	Ethel M. Braman,	1
Mary Broderick,	2	Daisy E. Crowell,	1
Mary Dale,	2	Nellie J. Starr,	2
David Dale,	2	Elsie E. Newton,	1
Mary Casey,	1	Grace L. Young,	1
Willie Dale,	1	Florence E. Young,	1
Madeline Beaman,	2	No. 3.	
Harry King,	1	Adella Howes,	1
Ada Tufts,	1	Everett Kenfield,	1
Kate Lamson,	1	No. 4.	
George Mason,	1	Mary B. Leach,	4
Raymond Mason,	1	Lucy B. Browning,	5
Annie Merriman,	1	Alice C. Nash,	1
Ernest Warren,	1	Elsie M. Banks,	1
Robert Wood,	1	Bessie L. Hammond,	2
		Homer F. Browning,	
		Henry W. Holton,	2
		James L. Browning,	1
		Raymond M. Hastings,	1
		Murray M. Hammond,	1
		Don H. Sprague,	1
		No. 6.	
		Addie Wallett,	2
		Ector F. Wallett,	1
		Amy Dresser,	1
		Ethel Dresser,	1
		No. 7.	
		Charles T. Howe,	1

PROGRESS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Good progress has been made in nearly all lines of school work during the year.

Frye's Complete Geographies have been introduced into some of the schools. These text-books with their radical departure from old methods of teaching geography have proved of decided advantage. I hope that in the coming year all the schools will be provided with them.

I believe that reading and number have been better taught than heretofore.

The drawing was directed in the spring term by Mr. James Hall, now special instructor in Springfield, and in the fall and winter terms by Mr. Walter Sargent. Good work has been done in some schools. I hope for still greater improvement in this important branch of work in the near future.

Vocal music has been continued with marked success under the efficient direction of the special instructor, Miss Annie H. Palmer. She visits each school weekly, gives a lesson, and outlines the work for the regular teacher to carry on during the week. The children are not only being taught to sing many songs in a very creditable manner, but they are learning to read at sight and to understand the principles of music. A careful observer of our schools can clearly see the refining influence of the music upon the individual pupils, its good effect upon the discipline of the schools, and as a result of this better spirit, that more effective teaching is being done in other directions.

The Normal System of vertical writing is now being used in all but two of our schools. The teachers are working faithfully to make this change a success. I hope for good results. It is said to be so easy to learn that there are no poor writers in the vertical script. Experience has proved beyond a doubt that vertical writing is more legible, more hygienic, more easily learned, and more rapid than the slant hand. The wisdom of its introduction is still more apparent when the fact is considered that vertical writing is now required of the employees in nearly all city, county, state and national government offices, and by most large business

houses.

As, in addition to these improvements, the school year has been lengthened to thirty-six weeks, and there still remains a large unexpended balance, it is evident that the school committee have managed the finances of their department with an economy and fidelity that merit the hearty approval of all.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.

Almost without exception our teachers are good disciplinarians. I do not mean that they always discipline to the entire satisfaction of all pupils and parents. While each teacher tries to be perfectly just and impartial, it is hard to make people believe it, if their own children happen to be the ones disciplined.

In most cases good order is secured, not by intimidation or force, but the pupils are led to see what is right and to yield a ready and willing obedience to necessary restrictions. This is moral training of the highest value. It is one of the most important lessons a pupil can learn. Civilization and society are constantly demanding that individual rights and privileges shall be sacrificed for public good. The earlier this lesson is learned by the individual child the better. By our methods of discipline and teaching we try to inculcate those principles that underlie right living, self-government, and tend to fit one to become a law-abiding citizen in a free country. With a large majority of the pupils, we are, in a measure, successful, but I am sorry to say that there are cases, all too numerous, where, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, selfishness, rudeness and an utter lack of consideration for the rights of others seem to be the ruling impulses of the child as soon as he is free from the restraint of the school-room. The teacher should not be blamed that such is the case. She has done the best she could for the child, but it must be confessed that street and home influences are more powerful, in many cases at least, than is the influence of the teacher. If the home influence is right in all respects this, strengthened by the influence of the true teacher, will usually be sufficient to properly regulate the conduct of the child in all places.

I have written in this way because of several complaints that have come to me of the rudeness and insolence of school children on the streets before and after school. Windows have been broken, and in some cases people have been insulted. Again I say that the teacher should not be held wholly responsible for such things. She may have to do police duty in and around the school building, but surely we do not hire her to patrol the streets, or to watch the school building when school is not in session.

We will do the best we can in the schools to remedy these evils, but the people and civil authorities must co-operate with us in some very decided and forcible way, before we can wholly prevent the recurrence of the disorderly acts. I trust that such a hearty co-operation of all right forces may be brought about as shall enable us to overcome these undesirable tendencies on the part of some of our thoughtless young people.

ATTENDANCE.

As the schools are still in session, it is impossible to give complete statistics for the winter term. The record for spring and fall terms show a decided gain in the per cent. of attendance. This is very encouraging, for the children must be in the schools if they are to get any benefit from them.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

A number of teachers' meetings have been held, at which the teachers have listened to addresses by State Agents G. T. Fletcher, Henry T. Bailey, James Hall, Dr. N. P. Wood and your superintendent. These meetings have been productive of much good to our schools.

CONCLUSION.

In closing, permit me to thank the committee for their hearty sympathy and co-operation, the teachers for their faithfulness, and the public for their interest and encouragement. I would urge all interested to visit the schools frequently and to freely advise with us as to ways and means for promoting the cause of education in the town.

Respectfully, J. E. WARREN.

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To cash on hand last report,		$10 96
" appropriation by the town,		200 00
" cash received from librarian,		13 47
		$224 43

CR.

1896.			
Apr. 11,	paid for	table,	$3 00
14,	"	express,	65
23,	"	for paper,	1 40
May 11,	"	" "Famous Men and Women,"	4 00
June 12,	"	express,	1 50
19,	"	" Mass. year book,	1 50
20,	"	express,	25
22,	"	DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,	115 46
27,	"	express,	15
July 8,	"	Clapp & Jones, paper,	1 50
Aug. 17,	"	E. L. Hildreth & Co., printing,	5 50
Nov. 17,	"	W. H. White, binding,	5 20
1897.			
Feb. 13,	"	Librarian's salary,	65 00
			$205 11
Feb. 13, balance in hands of the trustees,			$19 32

GEORGE F. PIPER,
N. P. WOOD,
R. C. WARD,

Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR CLOSING, FEB. 13, 1897.

Number of volumes in library last report,		$4,013
Number of volumes purchased past year,		118
Number of volumes presented past year,		21
Total,		4,152
Number of families patrons of library,	200	
" visitors patrons of library,	5	
" volumes taken by families,		5,167
" volumes taken by public schools,		196
" volumes taken by visitors,		15
Total,		5,378
Amount of fines collected,	$15 16	
" fees from visitors,	75	
		$15 91
Paid for incidentals,		2 44
Balance,		$13 47
Uncollected fines,		23

Mrs. F. J. STOCKBRIDGE, Librarian.